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Title: Requests the Central Government to reconsider the decision to give clearance to the proposed Peruvannamuzhi-Poozhithode Road.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : My name has been called but many other hon. Members are speaking not I may be permitted to speak. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members have given their notices and I am going by the list.

... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record now.

(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have not allowed you. I have called only Prof. A.K. Premajam.

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): Mr. Chairman, Sir, these interruptions take place whenever we are speaking. This is repeatedly done only when women are speaking. This happens every time a woman stands up to speak in this House. (Interruptions)

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*Not Recorded.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Prof. A.K. Premajam, you may please continue to speak.

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): You called my name. He is disturbing. How can I speak now? ... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN (SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA): Please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have not allowed you to speak.

... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. I have not allowed you to speak.

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): The district of Wynad which is largely inhabited by tribal people is presently connected to other parts of Kerala mainly by the Thamarasseri Churam Road. This road was constructed during the days of the British raj to meet the requirements of those days. Now, this road is not able to cater to the increased requirements of the people. Moreover, every year, during the monsoon season when there is a heavy rainfall in Kerala, due to landslide which has become an annual feature, this road is blocked for several days together.

Hence, the Government of Kerala proposed an alternate road called Peruvannamuzhi-Padinjarethara-Poozhithode road which goes through my constituency, Badagara, this being the only feasible alternative. This proposal which involves 23.50 hectares of forest land has been rejected by the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

Now, the Changaroth panchayat has resolved to handover 21 hectares of its land to the Forest Department in lieu of the 23.50 hectares of forest land. Hence, I urge upon the Government of India, especially the hon. Minister of Forest and Environment to reconsider the earlier decision and give clearance to the proposed Padinjarethara-Poozhithode road at the earliest.